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RESPONSE

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action of January 16, 2003 having a period of response set to expire by February 16, 2003. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

1. Inventor elects claims 1-18 drawn to a method and apparatus for cutting rock, classified in class 125, subclass 23.01. Claims 19-20 are cancelled by this election.

37 CFR 1.142 provides, in part, that "the examiner in his action shall require the applicant in his response to that action to elect that invention to which his claim shall be restricted."

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3. This restriction of the invention is respectfully made without traverse.

4. The original inventors remain the same in this case.


7. Since this amendment may be considered as being filed out of time, your petitioner respectfully requests an extension of time to that effect and authorizes the charge to deposit account 06-2129 in the name of Gregory M. Friedlander for any charges necessary to effectuate this extension of time.

REMARKS

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 06-2129 in the name of Gregory M. Friedlander.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit account 06-2129.


Respectfully submitted,



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